



Date: March 16, 2004
To: Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
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Subject: **Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Policy Update 04-04 -- 2004 Federal Poverty Levels**

Purpose

This transmits the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for use in establishing youth program eligibility and local income-related policies. These policies include those related to determining "priority of service," defining self-sufficiency, and providing need-based payments under the WIA.

(Note: The Lower Living Standard Income Level is also used in WIA for eligibility and income-related policy purposes; it is released by the U.S. Department of Labor on an annual basis, typically in late May.)

Legislative/Regulatory References

- WIA legislation, Section 101 (13), (25) and (36); Section 127(b)(2)(C), Section 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV); and Section 134 (d)(4)(E); Section 134 (d)(3)(A)(ii), Section 134 (e)(3)(C)(ii)
- Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pages 7336-7338

Background

For WIA programs, the federal poverty level must be considered in determining eligibility for youth services and for determining "priority of service" for adults and dislocated workers to receive intensive and training services. The federal poverty level is also considered in development of local policies related to eligibility for need-based payments for dislocated workers and may be a factor in local definition of "self-sufficiency" for service to employed workers and other local policies that incorporate income related guidance.

Each year, the U.S. DHHS issues new poverty guidelines that federal programs must use if the programs include income-related requirements based on the federal poverty level. U.S. DHHS poverty guidelines for 2004 were released in the *Federal Register* on February 13, 2004. (See <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/04poverty.shtml>)

Policy

Effective with this WIA policy update, the federal poverty guidelines for 2004 as published in the *Federal Register* on February 13, 2004, and printed in this WIA Policy Update are to be used as the basis for youth eligibility determination and other local policy guidance based on federal poverty levels.

2004 Federal Poverty Levels

Group Size	Annual Amounts 100%	Monthly 100% FPL	Monthly 115% FPL	Monthly 200% FPL	Group Size	Annual Amounts 100%	Monthly 100% FPL	Monthly 115% FPL	Monthly 200% FPL
1	\$9,310	\$776	\$892	\$1,552	6	\$25,210	2,101	\$2,416	\$4,202
2	\$12,490	\$1,041	\$1,197	\$2,082	7	\$28,390	2,366	\$2,721	\$4,732
3	\$15,670	\$1,306	\$1,502	\$2,612	8	\$31,570	2,631	\$3,025	\$5,262
4	\$18,850	\$1,571	\$1,806	\$3,142	9	\$34,750	2,896	\$3,330	\$5,792
5	\$22,030	\$1,836	\$2,111	\$3,672	10	\$37,930	3,161	\$3,635	\$6,322
					Each Added Person	\$3,180	\$265	\$305	\$530

Action Required

Review and use these revised federal poverty guidelines to update WIA eligibility guidelines, priority of service policies and other income related policies as necessary for your workforce development area. This information should also be distributed to those providing WIA services.

Note:

This policy update is available at: http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwdwia/wia/wia_laws_regulations.htm

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